



I realized, after someone asked me, that some of you do not know or may be unaware of who my parents are. In my last letter I made reference to my parents and I failed to put a picture or their names. To me they are my parents and their images and lives are always present and clear to me and I forget that is not the same for others. I will give a quick history of this work and how it was founded by Billie Joe and Josephine Hart.

In 1970 Billie Joe and Josephine Hart answered the mission call and took their 3 children, Ron, Jim and me Teena to Brazil.

(Billie Joe & Josephine)



Being people of faith and holy boldness, left their home, jobs and security to do God's work. They 1st worked with other missionaries, built an orphanage and Bible school, before moving on to the own works. In Paraleiros, Sao Paulo they built their Orphanage, Maanaim, which in time became a school and training center. Blessing countless lives and homes and establishing a great legacy. They continued their work together with the neighborhoods, children, school and local pastors in Paraleiros until 1998. In November of 1998, while still in Brazil, my father became ill and ultimately went on to his homecoming. My parents were married 54 years and had a wonderful time together.

My mother, Josephine, continued the work, and in the year 2000 I came into the ministry full time. My mom

continued with the work in Brazil until 2009 and handed the physical buildings and property over the national team. My mother went to her homecoming in 2011 and is missed every day. Even today and after many years since my father has past, when I walk in Paraleiros, our local town, people stop me and tell me stories of how Billie Joe and Josephine changed and affected their lives

I was not always a willing participant and when I graduated high school I was running back to the States. I went to school, got married, had kids and started my career. My parents always in Brazil and me, safely in America. I supported their work, but from a distance, but life and God had a different plan. What I thought was a temporary help for my mom during a difficult time is now a Calling a purpose for me and is one I count as an honor.

We are still going strong and have another new partner. A church plant in Paraleiro, "A Palavra de Amor", Word of Love Church.

(Inaugural Service)



It is with Ana Paula Chaladakian, she has been working with us for many years and we know her heart and spirit and feel that this is a God union. She is a teacher by day and pastor full time. For the past 2 years she has been evangelizing and doing children's campaigns in the area with wonderful results. Then the opportunity to open a church arose and she and her team have been going full force.





(Ana & Inaugural Cake)

It is a small congregation of about 60, but not bad for a church of only 2 months. She probably has that many children.

She had a vacation Bible school in January, and she averaged about 50 kids a day. **(VBS fun)**



They did plays, taught songs, face paint and had a wonderful time. She had many make confessions of faith and they are attending every Sunday. **(VBS Kids)**



Our children's pastor, Sandra Ramos, recently had a real health scare. She had a major blood infection and the doctors said she was in grave danger of not surviving. Ana Paula asked us to pray and I put out the call for prayer. What was once a sad diagnosis of no hope was turned into a miracle. Within a week her blood is completely clear. She had sores caused by no blood circulation and the doctors said she would need multiple surgeries to correct the damage. There were areas that were bandaged, but when they took off the bandage the skin was like new. God is still in the miracle business.

Please pray with us that this ministry will be God led and we will always hear His voice for its direction.

Our soccer team is doing great. Thamara, our coach is a hard task master; doesn't let the boys get away with anything. **(Thamara & team)**



She is teaching them responsibility, discipline; if they don't practice they don't play. I mentioned that I thought she was being overly firm and she told me that if she is not, these boys' only reference is to take the easy way and they will never get better. I am glad she has the fortitude to be a stern and a Godly role model.

We will be in Brazil most of the month of March; please pray for us and that God is glorified in all our endeavors.

**We love all of you,
Teena**

